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CREAM OF NEWS.

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Five Convicts—Case Reversed—Died Suddenly—Shooting at Morton's Gap—Railroad Sale—Col. Hewlett Dead.

Fracas at a Festival.

A negro festival at Hubbardsville one night this week was the occasion of a "flat and skull" fight between Geo. Larkin and Page Settle, in which Larkin was so badly beaten that Settle has disappeared to await the result of his injuries. Lewis Catlett, the door-keeper of the festival, on Wednesday had John Williams and Bud Fruit arrested, charging them with having held him up and robbed him of the receipts after the affair was over, amounting to \$3.55. Judge Breathitt, however, did not think there was anything in the case and turned the prisoners loose. Hubbardsville is a negro suburb, where such affairs are of frequent occurrence.

Revival at the Baptist Church.

Services began last night at the Baptist church, conducted by the pastor, which will probably be continued a couple of weeks. On Monday night Dr. W. H. Felix, of Lexington, Ky., is expected to arrive to aid the pastor ten days or more. He is an able and earnest preacher and pastor of a large church at Lexington, Ky. Pastor Nash earnestly desires every member of the church to be present regularly and punctually unless Provisionally hindered. He will conduct the services until Dr. Felix arrives. Service begins at 7:30 p. m. All are cordially invited to be present.

Landed Them in Prison.

Deputy Sheriff E. P. Wilkins, Jailer W. T. Williamson and Constable W. T. Brame went to Eddyville Wednesday, having in charge five prisoners convicted at the present term of Circuit Court. Following is a list of their names, offenses and terms: Lee Alexander and John McIntosh, house-breaking and robbery, 3 years each; Ed Sternburg and Frank Howard, robbery, 2 years each, and Nace McReynolds, hog stealing, one year. The first four are white.

Messrs. Wilkins and Williamson visited Mayfield before their return, but Mr. Brame got back the same night.

An Important Reversal.

The Court of Appeals has reversed for the second time the important case of W. F. Cox and wife vs. Robt. Armstrong, from this county. Messrs. J. B. Allensworth and W. W. Clarke represented Mr. Cox, who sued to recover \$2,000 wrongfully collected from him and for \$5,000 damages for divesting him of the title to real estate. Attorney John Feland, who originally represented Armstrong, was to some extent interested and the case has gone through so many stages of litigation that it has been much complicated. The reversal is a victory for Cox's side. The late Judge Grace rendered the decision that was reversed.

Died in Front of His Fire.

Mr. Samuel Russell, an old gentleman well known in this city, died very suddenly of heart trouble at his home four miles east of here Tuesday night. He had been complaining of not feeling well for some months, and laid down on a pallet before the fire to rest. When he was called for supper he failed to respond and an investigation revealed the fact that he was dead. Mr. Russell was 70 years old. The interment took place Wednesday near Antioch church.

Judge Breathitt's Relapse.

After being free from fever for a week, Judge James Breathitt had a relapse some days ago and has continued to grow worse until he is now as critically ill as he has ever been. His condition is not regarded as hopeless, but he is a very sick man and is much weakened from his long illness. It is now impossible to predict the outcome of his sickness.

Little Boy Injured.

Hugh, the seven year old son of Aquilla Blanks, of Otter Pond, while running and playing a few days ago, fell and struck his head against a goods box, inflicting a dangerous wound. The little boy was unconscious for a time and his recovery was thought doubtful, but it is now believed that he will recover.

Back From the Army.

Weber Underwood, of Kelly, who enlisted in the U. S. army in 1891, has served out his enlistment of five years and is back at his old home. He was stationed at Brooklyn, N. Y. He will probably go back and enlist.

These seem to be dark days for the Bradley boom. The Calloway county Republicans declared for McKinley yesterday, and the First ward Republicans of Louisville join the Ohio man's procession.

CIRCUIT COURT.

The Week Taken Up With Civil Suits—A Heavy Verdict.

The most important case tried this week was the damage suit of C. S. Veach against the L. & N. Railroad for \$10,000. Veach was a brakeman and happened to an accident while coupling cars at Earlington by which he had three fingers cut off. He sued the Railroad, alleging carelessness on the part of employees, who backed the moving car too suddenly. The road claimed that Veach's misfortune was due to his own carelessness. Bush and Howell represented the plaintiff and McCarrall the defendant. The case was hard fought and closely argued, but the jury proved to be a bad one for the Railroad and returned a verdict for \$3,000, after being out a short time. The case will be carried higher by the L. & N., if the motion for a new trial is overruled.

D. L. Johnson vs. A. H. Clark, verdict for plaintiff \$75.

Mary Bell Winn vs. Willie Winn, divorce granted.

Abe Brown vs. Mary Brown, divorce granted.

H. W. Breathitt was appointed an examiner for Christian county.

Death of Col. Hewlett.

Col. J. R. Hewlett, one of Princeton's leading citizens and a prominent lawyer, departed this life at his home in this city Monday March 23, aged 62 years, three months and eleven days. Funeral services will be conducted to-day at 10 o'clock by Rev. Jos. Lanman.

Col. Hewlett was born in Hopkins Co. Ky., Dec. 11th, 1833, and has lived in this section of country all his life, receiving his education in this county and was a graduate of the college at this place. He was a teacher in the college for a time. He served a term in the legislature of this state, and at one time was County Superintendent of Schools. Since arriving at the age of manhood he has been prominent in the business circles of the city of Princeton. Col. Hewlett's reputation as a member of the bar was widely recognized and was built on his natural ability for such work.

In the death of Col. Hewlett the members of the bar lose a worthy member, his wife a loving husband, and the city a leading and influential citizen.—Caldwell News.

Col. Hewlett was a brother-in-law of Mr. Buckner Leavell, of this city, and was well known here.

The "Texas" to Be Sold.

Louisville, March 23.—The Louisville, St. Louis and Texas railroad is to be sold within the next sixty days. A decree to this effect was entered in the United States court this morning by Judge Barr on the complaint of the Central Trust company, of New York, which holds \$3,357,666.66 of the first and second mortgage bonds of the company.

This road has been in the hands of a receiver for several years, Col. Atilla Cox filling that position. It is said the reorganization committee is preparing to buy the property.

Shooting at Morton's Gap.

Earlington, Ky., March 23.—A shooting scrape took place last night at Morton's Gap, a small town south of this place, in which Gabriel Stokes was perhaps fatally injured by James Guy. The two men fell out over a pistol.

Stokes cut at Guy with a knife, when Guy drew a pistol and shot him in the mouth, the ball ranging upward.

Stokes' recovery is doubtful. Guy has fled. Both men are well respected.

Trial Set for April 7.

Newport, Ky., March 23.—Jackson and Walling were arraigned to-day for the murder of Pearl Bryan, both pleading not guilty.

The demurrers of the indictment were overruled. Judge Helm granted their motions for separate trials. Jackson will be tried first, on April 7, and his attorneys were notified that no further continuance would be allowed.

Lookout For a Raise.

Frankfort, Ky., March 25.—The State Board of Equalization has completed the preliminary work on the Assessor's books from each county, and it is estimated that the assessment of property, as reported to the State Board, is \$20,000,000 less than the equalized assessment of 1895. Nearly every county may expect an increased assessment, as it is understood that the Board expects to bring the property of the State up to what it was last year.

Flowers for Joe.

Washington, March 23.—Senator Blackburn was to-day presented with the biggest floral design ever seen in the Senate. It was intended to buy him a silver service, but the subscription fell short of what was wanted. The Senator was warmly greeted by members on both sides of the House.

THE C & C. G.

REVIVAL OF INTEREST IN THE CAIRO RAILROAD.

Projector B. A. Neale and Baron De Courtier and Other Capitalists Going Over the Route.

Hon. B. A. Neale, Judge L. B. Anderson and Mr. W. L. Landrum, of Mayfield, Mr. E. A. Green, of New York, and Baron De Courtier, of Germany, were in the city two or three days of this week, making a tour over the proposed route of the Cairo and Cumberland Gap Railroad, from Cairo, Ill., to Middlesborough, Ky. In 1888 Christian county voted a subsidy of \$200,000 to this road, but as the O. V. subscription was voted the same day, both were knocked out by the Court of Appeals. Our people were then and are still very much in favor of this line, which would be a bee line 330 miles long through a fine section of agricultural, mining and timber country. It would be a great through line from Norfolk, Va., to St. Louis, Mo., and would be an ideal road in every respect.

Mr. Neale has been at work on the project for years and has at last succeeded in interesting Baron De Courtier, of Germany, who is immensely wealthy. He has come here to investigate for himself, and finding that there was no survey of the route has agreed to wait until one can be made, in the meantime looking over the ground in person.

A meeting of citizens was held Tuesday night and a proposition was submitted to Hopkinsville. It is estimated that the cost of the survey will be about \$32,000, most of which must be paid by the towns along the line. Hopkinsville being the principal city on the line is asked to contribute \$10,000, and guarantee the right of way through Christian county. The cost of building the road is estimated at about \$8,000,000 and if Baron De Courtier can see a five per cent. profit in the road he proposes to build the line without asking for subscriptions from the people along the way.

At the meeting held a committee was appointed consisting of W. E. Ragsdale, Nat Gaither, M. C. Forbes, W. J. Withers, W. A. Wilgus, E. B. Bassett, Geo. C. Long, E. B. Long, L. H. McKee and M. L. Elb. This committee will look into the matter and in communication with the projectors until the business gets into definite shape. Our people stand ready to do their part whenever they are assured that there is really a chance to get this very desirable line.

The prospecting party left for Elkton Wednesday and will continue the tour over the entire route, which is along the southern tier of Kentucky counties.

Judge Anderson and Mr. Landrum will go ahead of the Baron's party to gather up statistical information from the records of the counties through which the road will pass.

Howell Happenings.

Howell, March 23.—On account of the rain lately the farmers are behind with their plowing. Wheat is looking well. Most of the farmers are through stripping and delivering their tobacco.

Miss Lucy Minton, who recently opened a millinery and dress-making establishment, up stairs over Fox Bros' store, is now in Louisville purchasing her spring stock of millinery. She comes to us from Cadiz highly recommended as an artist in her line.

Howell is a thriving little town, and its stores handle the best grade of goods. The only thing to make it complete would be a telephone connecting it with Hopkinsville, Clarksville and other cities, therefore saving the farmers a great deal of valuable time. They often lose in the busiest seasons by having to drive to town on business which could be easily attended to by a few words over the wire.

Mr. Oscar Bagwell, an enterprising young farmer, will leave to-day for Allensville to take charge of his farm he lately bought near there. Mr. Bagwell is quite popular with all who know him, and his friends here regret to see him go.

Mr. W. A. McKnight, who has been on the sick list all winter, we are glad to note is very much improved.

Mrs. E. H. Garrott, Jr., of St. Elmo, has been quite ill at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Gregory, near here.

Mr. Tom Clardy, of Bell, is seen passing through our little town quite frequently, Fox hunting.

Miss Hattie Brame, spent last week with Miss Wilmoth Moore, of Oak Grove.

Mr. Lucian Cayce is now in Louisville buying his spring goods.

Dr. Wen A. Haynes is preparing to build an office and medical parlor at his residence here.

Services every Sunday morning at Olivet Baptist church, and a very interesting Bible reading and prayer meeting at night. The congregation is generally large. Rev. Vaughn, the pastor, is an able divine.

CHARGED WITH SHOOTING.

Two Well Known Young Men in Serious Trouble.

La Fayette, Ky., Mar. 24.—Some one tried to assassinate Mr. Edwin Garner, the druggist, last night. Between 10 and 11 o'clock after Mr. Garner had gone to bed in the back room of his drug store, where he sleeps, some one came to the back door and knocked, and called him. He inquired what was wanted, but did not open the door. The would-be assassin then went to a side window and threw a rock through the window. Mr. Garner halled, "Who is that?" and then two pistol shots were fired through the window in quick succession.

Frank and John White are now under arrest, charged with the crime. The evidence seems to be very conclusive against them, especially against John.

About the last of January John and Frank got drunk and were very disorderly and Mr. Garner, who is police judge, had them arrested, and they swore vengeance against him then, and it can be proven that they have made several threats against his life.

The young men were brought to this city Tuesday night by a posse of half a dozen men from Lafayette. They were taken to the county clerk's office and Judge John Phelps was sent for and he appointed Vince Williamson and Robt. West to guard them at the hotel during the night, as the young men were very much opposed to going to jail.

On Wednesday they appeared in court and Judge Phelps admitted them to bail in the sum \$1,000 each. They gave their father, Mr. John B. White, as bondsman.

The prisoners belong to one of the best families in the Lafayette vicinity. They have a brother-in-law, Mr. W. W. Fuqua, living in this city.

Judge Garner was seen by a representative of the Kentuckian and the story he tells is about the same as that given by our Lafayette correspondent above. He says he recognized John White, Jr., as one of the men at his window. Both of the Whites stoutly assert their innocence and have retained C. H. Bush to defend them.

The Knoxville Journal, in a sketch of the thriving town of Mossy Creek, East Tenn. makes this complimentary mention of Mrs. Dr. Phillips, wife of the Baptist pastor, recently removed from Pembroke to that place: "Besides her professional men and women, who are to a unit courteous, dignified and refined, Mossy Creek is the home of three literary women whose names are not unfamiliar to magazine and novel readers in the South. Mrs. Eva Malone, whose clever newspaper articles have a wide reputation, is a charming little woman to meet and has a most interesting family; Mrs. John C. Newman, who writes under the non de plume of Merle Murrie, is a regular contributor to the Christian Observer, and several story papers have from time to time published her short sketches of romance and real life; Mrs. Lucy Dayton Philips, who has recently moved from Kentucky, is well known throughout the South by her interesting writings. Most of her published matter has been in serial form for well known periodicals, but she has one novel on the market and another ready for the press. Mrs. Phillips now occupies the chair of English literature at the college, is president of the Shakespeare and Author clubs, and at her home entertains often and delightfully."

Sinking Fork Happenings.

Sinking Fork, Mar. 23.—The discussion of the Rev. Fred Whittenbraker at the Brick church last Sunday morning, held the strictest attention of a very large congregation. The subject was selected from the book of St. Mark and it was treated in a masterly manner.

Rev. W. H. Finch, of St. Charles, Ky., will begin a series of meetings at the Christian church, here to-night.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Nolen and family, will leave in a few days for Day Co., Okl. where they will make their future home.

Mrs. Henry Burgess, of Gracey, was visiting friends here last Sunday.

Miss Minnie Wood entertained a few of her young friends very pleasantly last Saturday evening.

Mr. Bud Woosley can be heard at any time of night singing, "baby mine;" it's a 10 pound boy.

Mrs. M. Lewis is on the sick list this week.

What a pity it is that Wat Hardin was not elected last fall. Kentucky would have been saved from the disgrace that has been heaped upon it by the incompetent Republican gang put in office.

Mr. Mack Davenport and family of the Bellevue neighborhood were visiting the family of John Davenport, last Sunday.

Lieut. Gov. Worthington signaled his first day as Acting Governor by pardoning a convict sent up from Casey county for manslaughter.